

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pro-Tem Goins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Allen Shelton, Darrin McGowan, Cindy Humphrey answering role call. Councilman, Mike Buckley was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson, Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*, and Mike Selke, WIFE Radio.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the October 6, 2010 meeting were presented for approval. Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

Mayor Pro-Tem Goins reported that Main Street is now open for traffic.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

Copley said the next meeting falls on Election Day and asked if Council wanted to change the date of the meeting. It was the consensus of Council to have the next meeting on Monday, November 1, 2010.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Fire – Jenkins reported that the training facility has been painted. They have placed another container and will be placing an additional one. They have also started using the facility for training. Jenkins said at some time they will be having an open house at the facility, but a date has not yet been set.

Jenkins also said there have been some problems with dispatching 911 calls in the newly annexed area. He has spoken to the Sheriff and they are working to correct the problem.

Street – Miller said they still have bricks left from Main Street if anyone wants them.

Police – Cameron said they are still having problems with the flood control warning system. He said for some reason the system is not communicating with their computer. He has contacted the Army Corp of Engineers and they will be working together. He said the equipment may be obsolete.

Cameron reported that they are having problems with the radio system at the police station. He said it went down and it took 20 hours before they were able to get it back up and running. He said any cost should come out of 911 funds.

Cameron said that their recorder system is also antiquated and he is obtaining quotes. He said he also thought this should be paid through 911 funds.

Animal Control – Nickel said they are making some improvements at the shelter. They will be putting up a storage building and some privacy fence.

Park – Mathews reminded everyone of the Halloween parade October 30 at 3:30, at the Fairground Livestock Pavilion.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

None.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

Main Street Report – Jim Reese, from Indot, said that Main Street is open with a 20 mile speed limit. Weather permitting they will continue working on sidewalks and drive ways.

In 2011 work will begin Phase I from the Flatrock River Bridge to 1st Street sometime between the end of March and mid April. Phase I will also include a resurface of Main Street from 1st Street to 4th Street. Sunesis will also start Phase III, which is working from Park Boulevard to just north of Creek Side Drive. All of this work will be done while maintaining 2 lanes of traffic. The completion date for the project is October 28, 2011.

The following changes will also be made:

1. From 4th Street to Creekside Drive there will be two 12' lanes and a left turn lane installed with the exception of the area at Park Boulevard where there will be a concrete center curb installed to eliminate all left turns from Main Street, Park Boulevard, and the Marsh shopping center south enter and exit driveway.
2. New traffic signal at Conrad Harcourt Way.
3. Traffic signal removed at Park Boulevard.
4. New curb and gutters on both sides of Main Street, from the Flat Rock River Bridge to Creekside Drive.
5. New sidewalks on both sides of Main Street, from the Flat Rock River Bridge to Creekside Drive.
6. New water system along Main Street, from the Flat Rock River Bridge to Creekside Drive.
7. New storm sewer system along Main Street, from the Flat Rock River Bridge to Creekside Drive.
8. New gas lines along Main Street, from the Flat Rock River Bridge to Creekside Drive.

Amphitheater Report – Mike Pavey reported that they had 6 concerts this year and Community Day. He said the total attendance for all events combined was approximately 7,400. He said he was very proud to report that there were no incidents this year.

He said they are taking suggestions for bands for next year.

In 2011 they are planning Community Day, 5 concerts and a festival for all the local bands.

Clean Community Challenge – Carole Yend presented Resolution 2010-10, A Clean Community Challenge. Shelton made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-10. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Yend thanked Council for their attention to this matter. She also thanked the City for their cooperation with the tox away center. She said this has been very successful.

Variance for Home Business – Jenni Vance came before Council to ask for a variance for an in home dog grooming business on Beechwood Drive. She said she would only have 3-5 dogs a day, 4-5 days a week. She said she has contacted all the neighbors and they did not have a problem with it. She would like to begin this business in spring of 2011. Wilson said she would need to go

back to the Area Plan Commission for final approval. The Council said they did not have a problem with the business in her home.

Financial Planning Report – Copley said she and Councilman Goins met with representatives from Umbaugh regarding their financial study. Umbaugh will present their findings to Council at the next meeting. Umbaugh said with the effect of the circuit breaker if they were to look at how the City rated on a scale of 1-10 the City would rate at a 7-8. She said if the spending stays on target as it is now we should end up with a 15% operating balance. Which is what they would like to see? In order to have the 15% operating balance for 2011 they would like to see the general fund at 3.8 million. We are not at that point yet. Umbaugh said if that amount of cuts could not be made the City needs to look very closely at ways to provide additional revenues.

Claims – Shelton made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Shelton made a motion to adjourn. Humphrey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

ALLEN W. SHELTON, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER